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## Advisory on School District Compliance with Senate Bill 10

The Ten Commandments are indisputably a cornerstone of America's moral and legal heritage. Our founders drew upon the eternal truths captured in these commandments to form a nation built on law and ordered liberty. The Texas Legislature has acted to recognize and affirm that heritage by enacting Senate Bill 10 ("SB 10"), which requires the display of the Ten Commandments in every public elementary and secondary school classroom.<sup>1</sup> Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, every public elementary and secondary school classroom in Texas must display a copy of the Ten Commandments that meets the specifications set out in Texas Education Code § 1.0041.<sup>2</sup>

Individuals within eleven school districts have chosen to challenge SB 10 in court. Those districts are listed [here](#). A federal judge in San Antonio has temporarily halted SB 10's enforceability *only* in the eleven districts that are parties to the litigation. All other school districts in Texas are currently required to display the Ten Commandments in classrooms in accordance with state law.

Texas public elementary and secondary schools shall display a copy of the Ten Commandments in accordance with the following requirements:

- Must be a durable poster or framed copy.
- Must measure at least 16x20 inches.
- The font must be clearly legible to a person of average vision from anywhere in the classroom.
- Must only contain the exact text of the Ten Commandments as set out in the statute, with no additional text or imagery. The text must read as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> S.B. 10, 89<sup>th</sup> Reg. Session (2025).

<sup>2</sup> Texas Education Code 1.0041.

## **The Ten Commandments**

I AM the LORD thy God.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven images.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

While districts are not required to purchase the displays, every school must accept and display any privately donated poster or framed copy that meets these requirements. Districts may purchase compliant displays using district funds.

The Office of the Attorney General will closely monitor compliance in coordination with the Texas Education Agency. Any school district not in compliance is subject to legal action taken by my office. Further, my office will defend school districts against legal challenges arising from compliance with SB 10, and the State of Texas will assume responsibility for expenses, costs, judgments, or settlements resulting from such representation. Texas schools can therefore implement SB 10 confidently, knowing they have the full backing of my office.

Texas law has spoken clearly: the moral foundation that shaped our nation deserves a prominent place in our classrooms—now more than ever. As Attorney General, I will do everything in my power to defend this statute and ensure that Texas children may once again see, each day, the timeless truths upon which our laws and liberties were built.



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